

Jubilee Catholic Parish

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



We hear at the end of today's first reading from Proverbs - "Give her a reward for her labours, and let her works praise her at the city gates." Acknowledgement of gifts and talents well used in an accepted role.

From today's Gospel, there is a call for us to commit to best utilise the gifts (talents) that have been bestowed – and not just for our own benefit but to reap rewards for the greater glory of God. Thinking, and or saying, that we have little, is no excuse for doing nothing. I think I can make excuses, complaining I have too little - time, money, talents, resources, etc.

But how freeing is it to be able to answer, not with excuses, but in truth, that "I did my utter best with what I had". In saying this, there is a surrendering that takes place. It becomes less about us and rather the act of service. All for God. The gift of faith we have received is of no use if we simply bury it in the ground, along with our talents.

As we strive to know and love God more and make Him better known and loved, let us desire to hear the words that the master offers to the faithful servants of today's Gospel. Let our hearts delight in hearing the words of our Master: "Well done, good and faithful servant." Pax, Georgina Devenish-Meares.

Hello fellow parishioners! Next year I have discerned to take up one year of mission work with **NET Ministries**. I will be placed on a team with other young Catholics somewhere in Australia after a 6-week training starting in January. I will be sad to leave the parish community and youth ministry as I take up this call. I would really appreciate your prayerful support.



If you are open to donating financially, this would be appreciated. As it is a volunteered year, I have been tasked with raising \$6,400 to cover all costs. If you can help with this effort, you can donate through www.netministries.com.au/sponsorship putting "Georgina Devenish-Meares" in the Donation reference. I am continuing to embrace the Youth Coordinator role until the end of 2020. I look forward to see what God continues doing in this beautiful parish. Feel free to send me an email with any questions. God Bless. Georgina Devenish-Meares.



World Day of the Poor: "Stretch forth your hand to the poor" (Sir 7:32). Age-old wisdom has proposed these words as a sacred rule to be followed in life. Today these words remain as timely as ever. They help us fix our gaze on what is essential and overcome the barriers of indifference. Poverty always appears in a variety of guises, and calls for attention to each particular situation. In all of these, we have an opportunity to encounter the Lord Jesus, who has revealed himself as present in the least of his brothers and sisters (cf. Mt 25:40).

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 15 NOVEMBER 2020 (YEAR A)

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Response: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

The ability to stretch forth our hand shows that we possess an innate capacity to act in ways that give meaning to life. How many outstretched hands do we see every day! Sadly, it is more and more the case that the frenetic pace of life sucks us into a whirlwind of indifference, to the point that we no longer know how to recognize the good silently being done each day and with great generosity all around us.

This year's theme – "Stretch forth your hand to the poor" – is thus a summons to responsibility and commitment as men and women who are part of our one human family.

(It) challenges the attitude of those who prefer to keep their hands in their pockets and to remain unmoved by situations of poverty in which they are often complicit. Indifference and cynicism are their daily food. What a difference from the generous hands we have described!

May our prayer to Mary, Mother of the Poor, unite these, her beloved children, with all those who serve them in Christ's name. And may that prayer enable outstretched hands to become an embrace of shared and rediscovered fraternity. *Pope Francis*

Candidacy for Ordination: Jubilee Parish welcomes Louie back from his thirty-day retreat. He was at the Jesuit Centre at Seven Hills in the Clare Valley along with his two class mates. The silent retreat is an opportunity to reflect on his parish pastoral placement and discern his next step in formation.



This weekend at the 10am mass at Red Hill Louie presents himself for Candidacy for Orders. It is a ceremony that states to the Church his commitment to the journey towards priesthood. Bishop Ken Howell will preside at the mass and the Rector, Monsignor John Grace, and vice-rector, Fr Frank Jones, will also be present. There will probably be some seminarians present as well.

We continue to pray for Louie as he states his intention and returns to the parish to complete his pastoral year at Christmas.



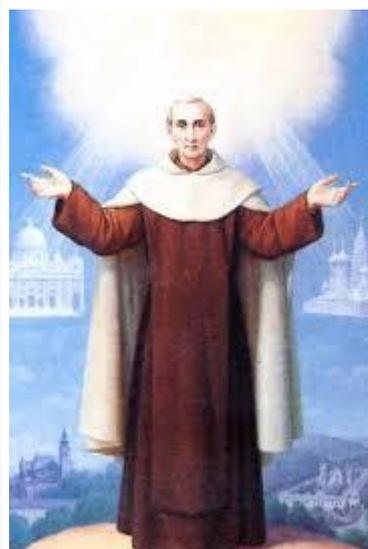
Congratulations to **Charlotte Rush** who celebrated her reception of First Holy Communion this weekend. Charlotte is welcomed into the common union we share in at the table of the Lord. May Charlotte always know, experience and live our communion with Christ. Thanks to the parents for their ongoing formation of their children in the faith.



Next Tuesday 17 November will be the unveiling of the Archdiocesan Reconciliation Action Plan, with a Mass in the Cathedral in which Archbishop Coleridge will launch the Reconciliation Action Plan. The RAP will provide important opportunities to renew and deepen relations between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples and those of other heritages. For more

information, please click on the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/evangelisationbne/videos/1071760993271174/>



St Raphael Kalinowski: Feast day 19 November. Thursday this week is a day for great rejoicing as it is one of the most important feasts in the Church's year, well, that is in my *unbiased* opinion!

Who was St Raphael Kalinowski? Joseph Kalinowski was born 1 September 1835 in Vilna, Poland (now Lithuania). He was a teacher of mathematics, an engineer who helped design the Odessa/ Kiev/ Kursk portion of the Trans-Siberian railway, Minister of War, Siberian labour camp prisoner, royal tutor, and eventually ordained priest of the Discalced Carmelite order. He founded multiple Catholic organizations around Poland and the Ukraine, most prominent of which was a monastery in Wadowice, Poland. He died there in 1907.

Thirteen years later, Karol Wojtyla, St Pope John Paul II, was born in the same town.

As a Carmelite priest, Joseph Kalinowski took the name "Raphael of Saint Joseph". He was canonized by St Pope John Paul II in 1991. Raphael was the first friar to have been canonized in the Order of the Discalced Carmelites, since co-founder Saint John of the Cross (1542 – 1591) His feast day is 19th November. Australians may not be rejoicing, but there will certainly be wild celebrations in Poland on Thursday. A national holiday for sure!!

PARISH DIARY



Monday

Mass (Red Hill) 6:30am

Tuesday

School Mass (Newmarket)

9:00am

Wednesday

Mass (Rosalie) 6:30am

School Mass (Bardon)

Thursday

Mass (Red Hill) 6:30am

School Mass (Ashgrove)

Friday

Mass (Bardon) 9:00am

Rosary (Rosalie) Midday

**Christ the King –
22nd November 2020**

Saturday Vigil

Mass (Rosalie) 4:30pm

Mass (Ashgrove) 6:00pm

Sunday

Mass (Herston) 7:30am

Mass (Bardon) 8:00am

Mass (Ashgrove) 8:30am

Mass (Newmarket) 9:30am

Mass (Red Hill) 10:00am

Mass (Rosalie) 5:30pm

The sports desk: I doubt Bennett would have been giving out any 'well done good and faithful servant' acknowledgments last Wednesday night. Delete that game from the recorded list. Hopefully the hometown advantage will get the maroons over the line.

It is to be seen if Fr Rony is up to doing a tour of Caxton Street prior to the game. That might be too much of a cultural experience in the present climate!!

Meeting wrap:

- Tuesday 10th November was the final meeting for 2020 for the Pastoral Renewal Group. In the review of the year there was acknowledgment of the challenge, as well as the gift, of this year. Plans had to be shelved because of the coronavirus. The gift has been getting to know the full names of those who come regularly to mass. God has given us the responsibility to get to know each other better. The marvellous ways of God! Parish gratitude as well to Tom Cranitch who is resigning from this group. Some things to note has been his chairing the renewal group for the last two years, bringing pastoral eyes to the Masterplan, and being active pastorally in the Ashgrove community. Many thanks to Tom and all in the renewal group.
- Wednesday 11 November was the final meeting for 2020 for the Finance Council. There is the constant check of parish finances given the COVID-19 challenge to everyone's economy. An update of the Masterplan development application is now a regular part of each meeting. Also, at this meeting the school principals present third quarter figures and 2021 fee schedule and budgets. Thanks to them as well as the finance council. Particular thanks to Matt McDonnell who is stepping back after over 10 years on the council. That is nearly long service time! Matt has generously helped with preparing budgets and their oversight. Also, Jacob Duane has given generously of his wisdom over the last couple of years. Parish gratitude to them and all who serve on the finance council.

The Deanery: On 11th November a meeting between the Central Deanery Clergy and the Episcopal Council was held at Marian Room, Lavalla Centre. The meeting was a follow up to the interviews of the Episcopal Council consultation team with the central deanery. Bishop Ken Howell chaired the meeting. He affirmed that the deanery meetings help us to know how better we can do our ministries, finding new ways in ministries in uncertain times, and how to give formation to lay leaders. There are 10 parishes in the central deanery, 6 of which are operating on a financial deficit. What will be the future of our parishes in the next five years?

The central points of the discussion were: the purpose of the central deanery and whether it makes any differences in parish ministries. The first and foremost aim of the deanery is for the pastoral care of the clergy. It is necessary to meet occasionally, to share each other's concerns and listen to new and positive initiatives of the parishes.

Another concern was about the geographical composition of the deanery. The Episcopal council team considered opinions that the composition of the central deanery could be more effective. We look forward to the good fruits of Deanery meetings.

Fr Rony

Confessional seal: on Thursday Fr Rony and myself were at an in-service provided by the Archbishop to the clergy of the Archdiocese on the seal of the confessional. We hold respectfully the laws of the land. Our prime concern is the safety of children. This is a commitment and obligation for all.

The Church is not above the law, nor outside of the law.

We also value the integrity of the sacrament of penance. Regardless of the gravity of the sin the penitent is entitled to the mercy of God. The sacrament is one of healing and forgiveness with the appreciation of the power of God's mercy bringing the possibility of renewal and new life. Whilst there is the inviolability (non-disclosure) of the sin or the sinner it is also the space for the confessor to work with the penitent.

The perception can be that these two aspects are irreconcilable – that it is one or the other – the Church's perspective is that they are reconcilable. It is both. The priest respects the law, and the integrity of the sacrament.

DEC 4TH: - FIRST FIRDAY MASS (9AM) Sacred Heart Church Rosalie and END OF YEAR GET-TOGETHER AT CAFÉ 107 (above Woolworths)



Early lunch: Arrive **10-10.30AM (after Mass)**
Menu: 3 course set menu, with lucky door prize.
Cost: \$20 each (bring cash if possible).
RSVP Essential – no later than 27th Nov.
Phone: Joyce 33664454; Susanne 33695117, or Anne 33695965.
Hope to see you there!!

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2021
THE BOOK FOR READERS

Book of Remembrance

On sanctuary of each church. Addition of deceased relatives and friends is welcome



The Education Ministry of Jubilee Catholic Parish

St Finbarr's School, Ashgrove~St Joseph's School, Bardon ~St Ambrose's School Newmarket



This week is NAIDOC week and some of our students, during arts lessons with Mrs Pryor, decorated a very large cardboard snake. We were able to reflect on the first Australians, the custodians of this land.

At Assemblies, liturgies and masses we recite the Acknowledgement of Country. This is different to a Welcome to Country. Only Traditional Owners/Custodians of the land on which the event takes place can deliver a **Welcome to Country**. An Acknowledgement of Country is usually delivered as part of Welcome and Housekeeping at meetings and events.

November is the month when the Catholic Church recalls the people who have died and we pray for them. St Joseph's students/families have been provided with a sheet to complete with the names, perhaps a picture, or a special memory of those departed. The sheets have been gathered by classes and shared during prayer time within the classes. This is an optional activity but one that many families have expressed to me is a beautiful time to recall these special people. This week I have gathered all the class Remembrance sheets so to compile our own *St Joseph's School Remembrance Book*. This Book will be presented to Fr Gerry so it can be kept alongside the Parish Book of Remembrance. This will enable both the Parishioners and the St Joseph's school community to pray over those we hold dear in our hearts.

For Remembrance Day on Wednesday, our students remembered the fallen men, women and animals from wars during a minute of silence. Our 4B students drew their own poppies for the prayer space, told stories and recalled those members of their family who have been involved in war. Let us not forget.



Last Thursday we welcomed the most delightful **Prep Class of 2021** for their **Orientation morning**. With current COVID restrictions, our morning was a little different to previous years which included only one parent in attendance. However, there was one part of the morning that didn't change and that was the beautiful welcome extended by our current Prep children through song and actions. The Prep children shared the song; "Quiet time with Jesus."

The welcome continued with the Class of 2020 presenting with pictures and commentary an insight into 'A Day In Prep!' Following the 'official' welcome, the students and their accompanying parent rotated through three activities before being farewelled with a super cute St Finny's biscuit for morning tea along with a coffee voucher from Milk Cafe for their parent.



YEAR 5 ASSEMBLY – REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our Year 5 students led our school assembly on Monday to share the significance of Remembrance Day.

Congratulations to Mr Muir and the students for presenting this information in a very respectful and sincere manner.

St Ambrose's School was able to focus on the Habit of Remembering with the help of our Year 5 students, who were able to share information about the importance of Remembrance Day and some very insightful, historical and surprising facts such as why we wear a red poppy and why it's important to honour our service men and people.



Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
We adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit,
(all bow)
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was
buried; he descended into hell; and on the third day he
rose again from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty; from there he will come to
judge the living and the dead. I believe in the
Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.

In Transition

As a parish family we welcome into the church **Lucy Henderson, Ines de Brito & Thalia Randall** who were baptised this weekend.

We pray for **Michael Gambaro & Anthony Rodgers** who passed away this week.

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED; MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.